

TYPEWRITING IN THE DARK.

Easy Enough for One Who Has Learned by the Touch Method.

The typewriter who has learned to typewrite by the touch method does not need to look at the machine in working it. By this method the learner begins and practices on a machine whose keys have no letters on them, simply blank tops, while in front of the learner is placed a reproduction of the keyboard, with all the letters and characters printed on a sheet of paper. The beginner learns the keyboard of the machine from the printed keyboard, and when she has once mastered this she is able to keep her eyes on the notes or copy she is transcribing and keep all the time pounding away on the machine without looking at the keyboard at all. The training that she has received prompts her every time to strike the right key.

It is a very familiar fact that people play on a piano without looking at the keyboard. With our eyes on the music in front the fingers instinctively seek and find the right keys. It is precisely the same in playing a typewriter.

On The Ocean Bottom.

Sitting inside a submarine on an ocean bottom you would be no more conscious of the enormous water pressure without than if you were going to sleep in your own bed. You might remain twenty-four hours under water without coming up, using only the natural air supplied in the boat without feeling the least uncomfortable. If you wished, you might remain down four or five days, tapping the air tank as you needed a fresh supply of air. In the meantime you would bunk over the torpedoes and torture yourself by letting your imagination run loose to your heart's content, or you might read by electric light or play cards or dominoes or checkers, the cook serving you with coffee and canned things that can be heated on an electric furnace without causing too much smoke, and making the air disagreeable to breathe.

Desert Talks to Outside World.

Before the year closes Southwest Coast cities will be on speaking terms with Needles and other desert points, including Searchlight, Nev. The first link in this immense telephone system was completed between Manvel and Searchlight Saturday. The main trunk line is now building out from Salt Lake City, eventually to connect with Los Angeles, and will be a link with the Needles-Arizona system connecting most of the desert mining towns.

That actual construction of the big trunk line is under way is news to Coast people, but it has actually been completed between Salt Lake and Wells, Nev., the first message going over the line last Monday. Gangs are now rushing to completion the line to Pioche. From there it will be a small matter to connect with Searchlight, across the State line, and when this is done Coast counties will be able to talk with Salt Lake.

Beauties of Gorse.

No one who sees a common or hillside covered with gorse in full flower can fail to appreciate its beauty, and we can well understand such plant lovers as Linnaeus and Dillenius going into ecstasies of delight, as they are reported to have done, when such a sight first burst on their view after being acquainted with the plant from botanical material only.

Biding Her Time.

A Boston child not yet in her teens and unusually precocious, with exceptional penetration, asked her mother the other day: "How long, mother, will it be before I get old enough for you to say that I am nervous and not naughty when I do so and so?"

She Grew.

A teacher, after patiently defining words in a spelling lesson, gave the word "growsome" from among them, to be put into a sentence, with this result from the brightest little girl in the class: "I cannot wear my last Summer's dresses, because I grew some."

Changed His Mind.

Once there was a bachelor man who said that talk was cheap, but one day he got married, and then he learned a heap. For when his so-called betterhalf doth speak of gowns and such he finds her talk is different—it costs him mighty much.

That Sawing Motion.

"Some people do dislike work," remarked the Observer of Events and Things; "and yet it takes about the same number of motions to play one of Schubert's sonatas on the fiddle as it does to saw a cord of wood."

Travel, the Teacher.

No young man can boast of a thorough education until he has been abroad and learned the ways and ideas of other nations. In superior schools traveling during the holidays should be made compulsory, or at least strongly encouraged.

Make Use of Rubbish.

In certain towns in Germany householders are compelled by law to sort out their house dust. They have to provide three receptacles—one for cooking refuse and one for rags and paper. The rubbish is utilized by the town authorities.

ENGLISH MILK WAGONS.

Gorgeous Floats With Brass Churns and Ben Hur Drivers.

In English towns, a Car is a visitor declares in the "Queen" the foreigner runs out to the pavement just to see that glorious chariot called a milk float go by—that gay bit of a two-wheeled thing, white and yellow, white and blue, or red, white and blue, with the shining brass churn erect at the side, the reins coming over the shining brass rail in front, the little square seat inserted at the rear, and the charioteer standing at the back like Ben Hur and driving as much like that hero as—in a modern town where even motor cars are not unknown—is practicable.

Then the English milkman who comes on foot, with a modern yoke on his shoulders, and swinging at each side a brass bound tin pail, in which is a queer little measuring dipper. Who could wish to have milk delivered in glass bottles, with a paper sealed top, when he can have it measured out at his door into his own jug in this quaintly curious fashion? What do microbes amount to compared with the joy of the medieval!

Highest Restaurant in World.

What is probably the highest restaurant in the world has been opened at the Elmsmeer station of the Jungfrau railway in Switzerland, says the "Sphere." It is situated 10,000 feet above sea level, close to the summit of the mountain.

The food is not cooked by means of ordinary fuel, but by electricity generated by the Lutschine waterfall, deep down in the valley below. The cooking is done on the principle of the so-called "Papinian digester," as, owing to the rarefaction of the air at that great altitude, water boils much more quickly, and would evaporate before cooking the food.

With an expenditure of thirty kilowatts of electrical energy it is possible to prepare a five-course dinner for a party of one hundred persons in a very short time. The guests are accommodated in a large hall hewn out of the solid rock and heated by electricity. The view from the huge windows comprises mountain scenery which for grandeur has perhaps no equal in the world.

Before the Day of Matches.

Sixty years ago the use of flint and steel to produce a fire was not wholly unknown. The late William E. Stone, of Peoria, Ill., lived at Beaver, Pa. His father one warm August night was stricken with apoplexy. The fire was out in the kitchen hearth and his mother in her distress, unable to find the tinder box, was obliged to send his brother Marsh two miles and a half to a neighbor. She gave him a handful of tow, which he put in his pocket. Arousing a neighbor with some difficulty, she gave him a live coal, which he wrapped in the tow, and putting it back in his pocket, ran home. When he arrived there he swung the tow around his head, thus fanned the coal and produced a flame which lighted a candle. In the meantime relief had been so long coming that the father was past all surgery.

Milder Definition.

At Emerson's dinner table one day there was mention of a woman well known as a lion hunter; and, in speaking of her, Mrs. Emerson used the word "snob." Mr. Emerson objected, the word was too harsh; he didn't like that ugly class of words beginning with "sn." His wife inquired how he would characterize the lady. "I should say,"—very slowly—"she is a person having great sympathy with success."

Peculiar Teeth of Fish.

Teeth of the fish vary more greatly than those of any other known creatures. Their teeth are not divided into incisors, canines, and molars, as in animals, but almost every kind of fish has differently shaped teeth, all extremely sharp pointed. The front row stands up erect, but those behind are more or less recumbent. There is never any difficulty in identifying a shark's tooth.

Harm Done by Wrong Food.

A New York skin specialist says: "Had I to choose between the cook and the apothecary as collaborer, I think I would not hesitate for a moment to yoke myself with the former." He goes on to say that "the board kills more than the sword." Many people eat not only the wrong foods, but too much of them.

Characteristics of Cities.

Every great city has its characteristics. Americans' most lasting impression of London are the "buses" and the fog. Everyone who returns from Paris talks of the "life of the boulevards." Brussels has its lace, Rome its ruins and Moscow its—beggars.

Sleighing All the Year.

Because of the lichens which grow abundantly on the stone-paved streets in Madeira, making them slippery, it is possible to use sleighs the year around.

Had Reached Her Limit.

"Mamma," exclaimed four-year-old Dorothy one day, "I'm so full of happiness that I couldn't be happier unless I was bigger."

The Latest.

Where did the flamingo? Why to see the sunfish.

120 LYNCHED

DOES LYNCHING THRIVE UNDER THE DEMOCRACY? A SCATHING ARRANGMENT OF THE PARTY OF MOB VIOLENCE AND OUTLAWRY BY RALPH W. TYLER.

One Hundred and Twenty-two Negroes Murdered in Cold Blood by American Savages—Decent Southerners Stay Not the Head of Their Criminal Neighbors.

Excuse of Rape Seldom Alleged—Lynchings for Trivial Offenses, and Little Attempt to Sustain Charges—An Insatiable Appetite for Blood of Negroes the Controlling Impulse—Democracy Responsible for Red Record—Of One Hundred and Twenty-two Lynchings Not One Was Committed in a State Under Republican Rule.

BURNING OF INNOCENT OR UNTRIED BLACK MEN A DEMOCRATIC ASSET.

CAN NEGROES OF INTELLIGENCE SUFFER SUCH A PARTY TO RETURN TO POWER IN THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT?

RECORD YOUR ANSWER AT THE POLLS ON NOVEMBER THIRD. IT WILL BE "NO."

BY RALPH W. TYLER.

During the past two years—1906—1907—one hundred and twenty-two Negroes were lynched—murdered in cold blood, and many of them in the most fiendishly, uncivilized manner. And that, too, without the least semblance of a trial. So unduly was the haste that marked the murdering of these unprotected black citizens that 61 percent of them had not so much as a hearing, 46 percent of them were just suspected—without even circumstantial evidence, and 72 percent of them, had they been given a fair trial, and the guilt for which they were accused been established beyond any question of doubt, they would only have been guilty of crimes the penalty of which is a jail or penitentiary sentence from six months to ten years. And, horrible as it is, five of them had their innocence clearly established after the mob had performed its inhuman work.

Of these 122 Negroes lynched in two years, one was just accused of being the father of a boy who happened unintentionally to jostle a white boy; one was just accused of expressing sympathy for a brother lynched; one just accused of carrying a pistol; one just accused of marrying (with her free consent) a white woman; one just accused of being the wife of an assailant; three just accused of insulting, by word, an able-bodied white man. The qualifying term "just accused" is used for the reason that not one of these had been regularly accused by an authorized officer of law or by a court of law. They were simply "accused" by an irresponsible, in defiance-of-law, bloodthirsty mob.

Rape is the one crime which boasted Southern chivalry and protection of women holds as justifying lynch law; though the law of not a single State, passed in calm deliberation, and without the spur of violent passion, provides for lynching for even this most heinous of crimes. And yet of all those Negroes—122—that were lynched during the past two years, only 31 were even as much as accused of "attempted rape." Thus it is seen that out of the 122 Negroes lynched there were 79 black victims of race hatred hurried to their Maker without hearing or trial, for alleged crimes other than that particular one some of the white South holds must be punished by death administered by a frenzied, half-civilized, and more than half-brute mob of beings who boast of civilization and of living in civilized communities.

It seems to be well established that race hatred and race discrimination breed crime, and that, too, even among that class which upholds and practices it, as well as among that class which is the victim. Witness these 122 lynchings in two years in boasted civilized Southland.

But there is another side to this question that is at least interesting for study. Of all these 122 Negro lynchings not one was committed in States governed by Republican officials and Republican sentiment. Every one was committed in States where the Negro is denied those rights which the Constitution vouchsafes; every one was committed in States where Democratic control is absolute, from Governor down to the petty township official.

Had the 122 Negroes lynched been accused, tried fairly, and found guilty of the beastly crime of rape, it might have been possible, by smothering respect for law, to have almost justified the taking of the law into mob hands, if the punishment prescribed was not such as to fit the crime. But only 79 bits of humanity with black skin who were accused of crimes the penalty for which varies from a judicial reprimand to a prison sentence, or a sure law-prescribed death.

In considering these lynchings of Negroes by States, Mississippi leads the horrible roll with 25, and Mississippi, the home of Vardaman, rolled up a majority of 50,189 for the Democratic candidate for president, and is represented in Congress by a solidly Democratic delegation.

Alabama is second with a total of 18 Negroes lynched in two years, and Alabama is proud of the fact that she gave the Democratic candidate for president 57,385 majority, and points with pride to her Congressional representation, because it is not marred by a single Republican to dwarf Heflin by contrast.

Louisiana comes a close third, with 17 Negroes lynched, and Louisiana gave the Democratic candidate for president 42,542 majority, and has a solidly Democratic representation in Congress.

Georgia, Democratic by 94,125 at the last election, gives to the historian a record of 15 lynchings of Negroes to chronicle, and Georgia boasts of not a single Republican in Congress, and of a Democratic majority that makes Republican hopes fruitless.

Texas follows fifth, with 9 Negroes lynched, and Texas is so loyally Democratic that she gave that party 201,773 majority at the last election, and preserves an unbroken line of Democrats in Congress.

Arkansas looms up with 7 Negro lynchings, and, as a companion to these 7, she records 61,784 majority for the Democrats at her last election, and boasts of nine Representatives and two Senators in Congress, including Jeff Davis, all of whom are Democrats.

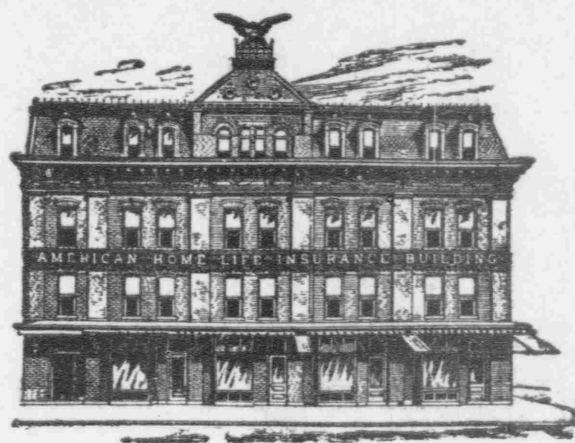
South Carolina, the home of Tillman, follows with 6, and the Palmetto State gave 50,000 majority even for Parker, four years ago, and has a solid Democratic representation in Congress.

Oklahoma and Indian Territories, now the State of Oklahoma, has 5, and Oklahoma signaled her admission into the Union as a State by electing a Democratic Governor and Legislature, and by passing Jim Crow laws to restrict and circumscribe a law-abiding, industrious, progressive black yeomanry.

Florida sent 6 Negroes to an untimely death by the lynch route,

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and the Peninsular State gave 18,722 majority for the Democratic candidate for president, and takes pride in the fact that she has eight Congressional districts (and two Senators) represented by that many Democrats.

Kentucky, under Democratic Governor Beckham, had 4 Negro lynchings. And Kentucky maintains Democratic supremacy in Congress, and has uniformly voted for a Democrat for president.

Maryland, under Democratic rule, and with her agitation to restrict the Negro's right of suffrage, lynched 3 Negroes.

North Carolina had 5, and in North Carolina Republican representation in State, county or Congress has been but an iridescent dream.

Missouri, under a Democratic Governor, exploited for his enforcement of law, lynched 3.

Tennessee, a State that has consistently cast her electoral vote for any and every candidate the Democrats named, remained in sympathy with her sister Southern States by lynching 3 Negroes in defiance of law.

The question that naturally arises, in the mind of every Negro, is, If all the Negroes lynched, without hearing or trial, and many for but petty crimes, and some for no crime at all, were lynched in States that deny the Negro the right of suffrage, and the privileges native-born American citizens are entitled to, and in States only that are Democratic, if the candidate of the Democratic party is elected, how soon will it be when the same spirit of Democracy, as represented by Bryan's Southern allies, influences the rest of the country into restricting Negro suffrage, and lynching of Negroes, without hearing or trial, at the proportionate rate of 122 every two years?

One hundred and twenty-two Negroes in rock-ribbed, steadfastly Democratic States! What an appalling number of brutal, unjustifiable murders!

And the mob did not stop at lynching men alone, but mere boys, and women too, whose skin was black, were crushed bleeding, lifeless by this bloody, heathenish and accursed juggernaut that Race Discrimination incites, and Democracy preserves as a tribute to fealty to that party's belief in the nullification of the Negro's rights.



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